



# Serra Club of Louisville

**"To always go forward – to never turn back!"**

**– Saint Junipero Serra**

**March, 2020  
Newsletter**

## **MISSION:**

To foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

*Unless noted otherwise, all lunches are at 11:45 at the Golden Corral in Hikes Point, Louisville, and are open to the public.*

**Mar 2** – Fr. Peter Do, Associate Vocation Director will give us an update from the Vocation Office. Vocation Contest awards will be presented to first place winners.

**Mar 16** – Noon Mass at St. Louis

Bertrand parish, followed by lunch. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY MAR 11.** (Contact Chuck Lynch 244-2752) Speaker and topic yet to be determined.

**Apr 6** – Speaker and topic yet to be determined.

**Apr 20** – Deacon Mark Rougeaux will speak about Mass of the Air.

## **FR. DON HALPIN, OFM, CONV. SPOKE AT OUR FEB 3 MEETING.**

Fr. Don Halpin joined us to tell us about retreats in Southern Indiana and the Archdiocese of Louisville, especially those led by the Franciscans affiliated with Mt. St. Francis in New Albany.

Fr Don is originally from Toledo, Ohio. High school was Mt. St. Francis Minor Seminary in southern Indiana. After novitiate with Conventual Franciscans, Fr. Don was first professed in 1961; then college was completed with an undergraduate degree in 1966. He was ordained a priest in 1972. After a few years in a parish in Louisville, he began extended work in retreat ministry including parish missions, spiritual direction, and retreats in many places around the world.

He was a missionary in Africa for thirteen years, especially Zambia, where at St. Bonaventure

College, Lusaka, Zambia, he directed a House of Prayer for twelve years. He continues to visit annually a mission in West Africa. At the present time Fr. Don lives in Louisville, traveling now and then to serve on teams for Retrouvaille retreats, or beg for the missions. He currently lives at the Incarnation parish.

Fr. Don, now in his 70s, admits he's slowed down some for leading retreats.

Speaking of his work on vocations, he's promoted the priesthood in Uganda, and led retreats for the Poor Claire nuns, saying the Church is very fruitful in Uganda. He has spoken to the Serra Club in Spokane Washington.

His Franciscan province has been leading retreats ever since 1974, when Fr. Don was encouraged to lead them.

He spoke of the twelve different retreat centers in or near our own Archdiocese. You can find the list at [www.ArchLou.org/Directory](http://www.ArchLou.org/Directory) page 91.

**HOLY HOUR  
FOR VOCATIONS  
WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 4  
1 - 2 PM  
OUR LADY  
OF LOURDES  
508 BRECKENRIDGE LN**

Speaking of different types of retreats, Fr. Don defined a "guided retreat" as one in which there are several attendees, but the retreat director also meets one-on-one with the attendees to discuss their personal needs. He defined a "directed retreat" as one in which there is only one retreatant and the retreat director functions as a spiritual director meeting with the attendee, maybe an hour at a time, for which the retreat could be for one day or more.

Fr. Don says he once attended



## FR. DON HALPIN, OFM, CONV. (continued from page 1)

a 40-day retreat, upon his return from years in Africa, to help re-acclimate himself to the change in culture and lifestyle.

As to retreat themes, they can be whatever the



group desires. He's led retreats for people going through Alcoholics Anonymous, for example. He's also led retreats for religious men and women, as well as many other groups. And he led one retreat for as many as 120 men.

Why should a person go on a retreat? Fr. Don spoke of our reasoned, rational approach to life. But he points out our need to sometimes step away from the world of reason and "give the heart a chance." He also spoke of getting away from the "bombardment of the senses" we experience in the modern world, where there is too much stimulation and too many distractions.

He quoted from Lamentations 3:27-28 --- "It is good for a person ... to sit alone and in silence ..." He also quoted Christ, in Mark 6:31, where he said "Come away by yourselves ... and rest a while."

Fr. Don said that even silent retreats can be of value. He laughed about one in which everyone sat around the dining table, eating in silence, while crunching carrots and celery. The retreatants couldn't help but laugh at themselves.

He also spoke of retreats based on certain images -- e.g., those of violence, poverty or injustice. The retreatants were encouraged to meditate on a different definition of how to battle these evils.

In another example, he quoted from Exodus 14 -- "The Lord will fight for you; you have only to keep still." And in another, he suggested thinking about Christ's words -- "Come and see." What is your heart's desire, your greatest longing, your wish?

Fr. Don also spoke of [Retrouvaille Retreats](#) -- ones aimed at helping those in struggling marriages.

He always recommends that retreats be accompanied by the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And he says another reason for retreats is to deal with our own loneliness. He encourages people to pray for the

world to move toward more openness, trust, and truth. Fr. Ron says that one way to temporarily leave the world behind and "go into the heart" is to use the [St. Ignatius method](#). The inner senses of the soul allow you to begin to see with heart and imagination. He suggests we try to go into the mystery of love and God's presence. Psychologically we use our imagination to concoct a journey we couldn't picture without the imagination.

The heart can be hurt and could be carrying a wound. "We can imagine meeting Jesus on the roads" of the New Testament, "healing people and healing us."

We want to thank Fr. Don Halpin, OFM, Conv. for taking the time to meet with us and share his ideas on retreats.

*Thanks to Jerry Zimmerer for the pictures with this article.*

## VOCATION OFFICE AND SERRA CLUB VOCATION CONTEST

Judging has been completed for the Vocation Poster Contest (grades 4 through 6) and the Vocation Essay Contest (grades 7 and 8). This year we had a total of 52 essay entries and 224 poster entries. There were 13 schools participating in the poster contest, and five schools participating in the essay contest. Home schooled children were also invited to participate.

### GRADES 4-6 POSTER CONTEST

FIRST PLACE (\$100): **Lydia Adams** of St. Albert the Great School (Grade 6). Lydia's teacher is Grace Duckworth (\$50).

SECOND PLACE (\$75): **Ramona Manion** of St. Joseph Parish in Bardstown, (Grade 5).

THIRD PLACE (\$50): **Ava Rager** of St. John the Apostle Parish in Brandenburg (Grade 4).

### GRADES 7-8 ESSAY CONTEST

FIRST PLACE (\$100): **Aubrey Gossom** of St. Catherine School in New Haven (Grade 8). Aubrey's teacher is Jessie Reed (\$50).

SECOND PLACE (\$75): **Avery Powers** of St. James Parish in Elizabethtown (Grade 8).

THIRD PLACE (\$50): **Anthony Pike** of St. James Parish in Elizabethtown (Grade 8).

First place winners are also being invited to the March 2 meeting of the Serra Club. You can see all the winning posters and essays at



## **VOCATION CONTEST** **(continued from page 2)**

<https://therecordnewspaper.org/vocation-contest-winners-selected/>.

## **NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS** **WEEK IS MARCH 8-14.**

Established in 2014, as part of Women's History Month, the National Catholic Sisters Week is March 8 through 14 each year, regardless of the day of the week that period begins. According to the national office, "The NCSW mission is to honor women religious through a series of events that instruct, enlighten, and bring greater focus to the lives of these incredible women. We welcome events of any type, and encourage organizations to think about creative ways to celebrate sisters for the entire week."

This is a good time for all parishes, schools, and others to choose some way to celebrate this occasion. Maybe you can simply take your favorite religious sister out for a meal.

For more information, see <http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org>. Events that some are considering include - a Mass and supper; a Sisters' Appreciation Day; a card or letter to your favorite sisters; Vespers; a Cupcakes, Coffee, and Conversation event; a retreat; etc. To see what others are doing around the country, see <https://catholicsistersweek.org/events/#events>. For some great stories about women religious, check out the Sister Story at <https://www.sisterstory.org/>.

## **MS. JANICE MULLIGAN SPOKE AT** **OUR FEB 17 MEETING.**

Ms. Janice Mulligan is the Associate Director for the African American Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Louisville. She was born and raised in Louisville, is a member of St. Augustine Parish, a graduate of Presentation Academy, and has a Chemical Engineering Degree from the University of Dayton.



Her Master Degree in Chemical Engineering is from the U of L Speed School. Lastly, she received a Master of Education Degree from Harvard University.

Janice explained to us that she is with the Office of Multicultural Ministries but she wanted to speak to us about the African American part of the OMM (<https://www.archlou.org/services-directory/archdiocesan-agencies-facilities/multicultural-ministry/>). They have two locations, one at the Maloney Center and one at the Catholic Enrichment Center on Broadway.

Janice also spoke of historic Kentucky Catholics like Daniel A. Rudd (<https://www.patheos.com/catholic/black-catholic-journalist-pat-mcnamara-06-12-2012>), who lived from 1854 to 1933. He thought the



Catholic Church represented real hope for African Americans, especially after the Civil War.

One upcoming event is the 33<sup>rd</sup> African American Catholic Leadership Awards Dinner. The dinner is based on the Black Catholic Congress held in 1987 from which a National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan was developed. The current Five-Year Plan for our Archdiocese can be found at <https://www.archlou.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Archdiocese-of-Louisville-African-American-Catholic-Five-Year-Pastoral-Plan-11-13-2018.pdf>. The plans call to uplift and honor the Black Catholic Leadership. From the local dinner, money is raised for scholarships for African American students to attend Catholic high schools and colleges.

## **JANICE MULLIGAN** **(continued from page 3)**

The dinner will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information on the dinner see

<https://therecordnewspaper.org/33rd-annual-african-american-leadership-awards-set-for-march-7/>.

The Sister Thea Bowman Institute (<https://therecordnewspaper.org/thea-bowman-institute-to-offer-first-class-of-2019-2020/>) offers workshops and programs concentrating on what it means to be a Black Catholic. Sister Thea (1937–1990) was a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and was willing to challenge the USCCB to embrace the African American culture within the Church. Ms. Mulligan gave us a long list of Certificate Courses that provide Black Catholics with life-long learning opportunities. Sister Thea Bowman is being put forward for canonization.

Another event is an Annual Day of Reflection to get together and discuss up-to-date topics. The Knights of Peter Claver (an African American version of the K of C, <https://www.kofpc.org/>) sponsors a nationwide online Rosary among its many activities. There are retreats for high school and middle school students to promote leadership. They also sponsor conferences that are held around the country.

The Catholic Enrichment Center is also a program of the OMM. Social Services are provided as well as educational programs. Food trucks come to the center. Other events include Bible studies, programs for seniors, computer classes, a recent Valentine's Party, Zumba classes, dance classes, music classes, male retreats, Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, and more. West Louisville Community Ministries is housed in the Center for help with rent and utilities bills.

The Senior Derby Extravaganza is coming up. For \$5 you get lunch, bet on the folks on stick horses, and get play money to purchase gifts at the auction at the end of the event. People dress up; and some of the women even wear Derby hats. Pastors get involved, too. The event is on Tuesday, April 14 at 11 am this year.

We want to thank Janice Mulligan for updating us on all of these matters.

*Thanks also to Ken Peet for his help with this article and to Jerry Zimmerer for the pictures with this article.*

**All of us Serrans are  
recruiters for the Serra Club.  
"Each one, bring one!"**

## **GOOD LENTEN READING**

**Boycotts as a form of fasting** - <https://www.theessentialmother.com/blog-2/how-boycotting-can-change-the-world>

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**Helping non-practicing Catholics return** - <http://www.catholicdigest.com/amp/from-the-magazine/ask-father/helping-non-practicing-catholics-return/>

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**What the poor can teach us** - <http://www.catholicdigest.com/amp/from-the-magazine/love-your-neighbor/what-the-poor-can-teach-us/>

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**Freedom through almsgiving** - <http://www.catholicdigest.com/amp/from-the-magazine/outside-perspectives/freedom-through-almsgiving/>

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**Let it go and offer it up** - <http://www.catholicdigest.com/amp/from-the-magazine/living-our-faith-with-bishop-reed/let-it-go-and-offer-it-up/>

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**Another good prayer** - Most high, glorious Lord, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me, Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense, and knowledge, so that I may carry out your holy and true command. - Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

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**Excellent Good Friday Meditation** - <http://www.aquinasandmore.com/catholic-articles/what-are-the-seven-last-words-of-christ/article/325>

## **VOCATIONS IN THE NEWS**

**US Catholic priests describe turmoil amid sex abuse crisis** - <https://apnews.com/bcac665d78417b6acd0288ad8493f7dc>

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**World's oldest nun celebrates 116<sup>th</sup> birthday** - <https://www.google.com/amp/s/churchpop.com/2020/02/13/the-worlds-oldest-nun-celebrates-116th-birthday-heres-her-secret-to-happiness/amp/>

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**Stresses multiply for many US clergy: 'We need help too' -**  
<https://apnews.com/65f86ab77d5086687d00d13e5b272416>

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**A Seminarian and a Chef -**  
<https://cnstopstories.com/2020/01/13/love-of-baking-culinary-skills-and-prayer-make-religious-brother-a-winner/#noredirect>

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**Vocation Fact Sheet -**  
<https://nrvc.net/247/publication/913/article/1492-vocation-fact-sheet>

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**How to make vocations a priority in the parish -**  
<https://vocationministry.com/app/uploads/2019/06/The-Priest.pdf>

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**Parish based ministry can foster vocations -**  
<https://catholicvoiceomaha.com/parish-based-ministry-can-foster-vocations/>

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**Seven principles of the spiritual life -**  
<https://www.pathsoflove.com/principles/spiritual-life-principles.html>

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**Confession and Vocations -**  
<https://www.pathsoflove.com/articles/confession-and-vocations.html>

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**Eucharist and Vocations -**  
<https://www.pathsoflove.com/articles/eucharist-and-vocations.html>

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**Catholic Seminarians Go Deeper in Prayer -**  
<http://m.ncregister.com/daily-news/institute-for-priestly-formation-helps-catholic-seminarians-go-deeper-in-pr>

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**From the Soviet Army to the priesthood: faith in the shadow of the regime -**  
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2019-07/stories-soviet-army-to-catholic-priest-victor-pogrebnii.html>

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**Bishop Robert Barron to Millennials -**  
[https://m.ncregister.com/blog/robert-barron/pride-humility-and-social-media?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%253A+NCRegisterDailyBlog+National+Catholic+Register&utm\\_content=FeedBurner%253A2017-05-5+22%3A00%3A01](https://m.ncregister.com/blog/robert-barron/pride-humility-and-social-media?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%253A+NCRegisterDailyBlog+National+Catholic+Register&utm_content=FeedBurner%253A2017-05-5+22%3A00%3A01)

## **POTPOURRI –** **VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **Birthdays this month**

Ken Peet, Mar 3      Norm Beat, Mar 21

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**Pope's Prayer Intentions for March** – Evangelization - Catholics in China - We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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**Quote from St. Junipero Serra** – “All my life ... I have wanted to carry the Gospel teachings to those who have never heard of God and the kingdom he has prepared for them.”

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**Pope Francis: Grandparents provide crucial link to faith in secularized societies -**  
<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-grandparents-provide-crucial-link-to-faith-in-secularized-societies-42096>

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**Save the date** – Several of our seminarians will be ordained to the temporary diaconate on Saturday, April 25, with ordination to the priesthood to follow in 2021.

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**World Day of Prayer for Vocations** – Sunday, May 3 this year.

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**The Serra International Convention will be in New Orleans this year** – June 25 to 28. For more information, see <https://www.serrainternational.org/news/registration-now-open-new-orleans-convention>

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**A Catholic view of socialism -**  
<http://m.ncregister.com/daily-news/what-is-wrong-with-socialism>

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**Quote from Pope John Paul II** - "The Internet causes billions of images to appear on millions of computer monitors around the planet. From this galaxy of sight and sound will the face of Christ emerge and the voice of Christ be heard?"

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Newsletter questions, comments, or submissions?  
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# WLCR AM 1040 PROGRAM-MARCH 2020

Eastern	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00AM	Begin Broadcast Day (Begins 3/8)						
8:00AM	Sunday Mass from EWTN Chapel (Live)	Rosary with Archbishop Joseph Kurtz					Holy Mass from EWTN Chapel (Live)
8:15AM		Divine Mercy Chaplet	Sunday's Homily Fr. Matt Hardesty	Divine Mercy Chaplet			
8:30AM		Wisdom of Fr. Groeschel	Catholic Cafe Dcn. Jeff Drzycimski & Tom.Dorian	CatholicCatechism Archbishop Fulton Sheen	Living Stones Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers	Divine Intimacy Dan Burke & Melissa Elson	
9:00AM	StoriesFromTheHeart	Fr. Spitzer's Universe	Journey Home Marcus Grodi	Best of The Journey Home Marcus Grodi			The World Over (E) Raymond Arroyo
9:30AM	EWTN Bookmark Doug Keck						
10:00AM	EWTN Pro-Life Weekly Catherine Hadro	Christ is the Answer Fr. John Riccardo					Scripture and Tradition Fr. Mitch Pacwa
10:30AM	Word on Fire Bishop Robert Barron						
11:00AM	Register Radio Jeanette DeMelo	EWTN Live(E) Fr. Mitch Pacwa	The Great Adventure Jeff Cavins	Fathers of Mercy Hour	Right to Life Margie Montgomery	Conversations withConsequences Dr. Grazie Christie	Mother Angelica Live Classics
11:30AM	Light of the East Fr. Thomas Loya				Word on Fire BishopRobertBarron		
12:00PM	Rosary with Archbishop Joseph Kurtz						
12:15PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet						
12:30PM	Where God Weeps Mark Riedemann	Liturgy of the Word (starts about 12:28 PM)					Vatican Insider Joan Lewis
1:00PM	Scripture and Tradition Fr. Mitch Pacwa	Doctor Is In 1-877-573-7825 Dr. Ray Guarendi					The Church Alive
1:30PM							
2:00PM	Best of Called to Communion	Called to Communion 1-833-288-EWTN Dr. David Anders					The Good Fight 877-573-7825 Barbara McGuigan
3:00PM	The World Over (Encore)						
4:00PM	Word on Fire Bishop Robert Barron	Kresta in the Afternoon 877-573-7825					Catholic Cafe De.J. Drzycimski & T. Dorian
4:30PM	Right to Life (E) Margie Montgomery						EWTN Bookmark Doug Keck
5:00PM	Rosary with Archbishop Kurtz	Kresta in the Afternoon 877-573-7825					Rosary with Archbishop Kurtz
5:15PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet						Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:30PM	Family Theater						CatholicCatechism ArchbishopFulton Sheen
6:00PM	Best of Catholic Answers Live						Catholic Answers Live 888-31-TRUTH
7:00PM	Blessed 2 Play Ron Meyer	Register Radio Jeanette DeMelo					
7:30PM	Radio Replies	Radio Replies					
7:45PM	End Broadcast Day						
BOLD: Local Programs		Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz Sunday 3/1 11:00AM & Thursday 3/5 8:30AM					